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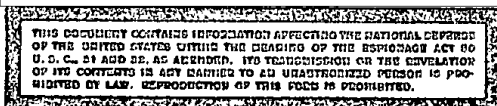
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SUBJECT Shipbuilding Activities in Shanghai

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1. In order to avoid damage from Nationalist air-raids, several Shanghai industrial concerns changed their working hours in early March. The Hung Hsiang Hsing (興祥興)\*\* and the Jui Jung (瑞榮) Dockyards, which specialize in manufacture of marine engines, changed their working schedule from the regular daytime hours to a six p.m. to two a.m. shift.

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2. Communist authorities ordered several Shanghai firms in the Pootung, Tung Kou (東溝), Hsi Kou (西溝) and Lu Chia Tu (陸家渡) areas to construct motor junks. The firms involved are not only the large construction concerns but also repair and other shipworking organizations, including:
  - a. Chung Hua (中華) Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Ltd.\*\*
  - b. Kiangnan (江南) Dockyard of Shanghai.
  - c. Jui Jung Chih (瑞銘記) Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, next to the Yi Ho (怡和) Cotton Mill in Yangtseepoo on the outskirts of Shanghai.
  - d. Fu Hsing Tao (復興島) Ship Repair Works.

3. Completed junks, numbering about four hundred, are anchored at Lao Kang (老港) along the Whampoo River. Another thirty-two large junks are anchored in the vicinity of the Yung An (永安) Cotton Mill in Yun Tsao Pin (蘆漢漢), Wongsung. In addition to building junks, the Communists have also purchased craft from various areas along the Yangtse and brought them into Shanghai. These craft are tied together in groups, each of which is equipped with one 150-HP engine and some armament. They are being prepared for attacks on Tanghai.

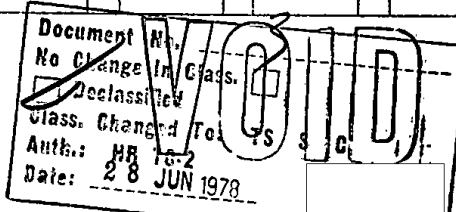
4. Shanghai, among other localities, is engaged in constructing for the Communist armies a Soviet-designed landing craft called "the bear of the sea". This is eighty yards long and thirty feet wide, has twin screws, and

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reinforced steel bow and hull. Many laborers are reported to be working on these craft in Shanghai under the direction of about two hundred Soviet technicians.\*\*\*

5. By early March, a number of vessels had been completed and dispatched to Leichou Peninsular to await the attack on Hainan. According to a night survey of Hainan Strait made by Soviet military personnel, it was estimated that seventy such craft would be required to carry an adequate attacking force to Hainan, with the assistance of two hundred sailing junks and two hundred wooden rafts.

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\*\*  Comment. The following firm offices were identified from Shanghai directories:

Hung Hsiang Hsing - Hung Ziang Shing Ship Yard, Ltd., 8A Chungshan El (Dund).  
Chung Hua Ship Building and Engineering Co., Ltd., 212 Kiangse C.

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\*\*\*  Comment. The size and general description of this craft would seem to preclude the possibility of any extensive construction in Shanghai shipyards, which are known to be occupied with a priority motor-junk and small craft program. The reported number of workers is 30,000, but this is obviously exaggerated. If any such landing craft have been completed, the number must be very small, and the provision of a quantity adequate for the Hainan attack, even if the parts are prefabricated and brought in from the USSR, would necessarily be a lengthy business.

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